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Excise Officers Issue 53 Tickets, Cite Liquor Store in South Bend

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (Nov. 3) – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 53 tickets and cited a liquor store in South Bend Friday night.

Excise officers were in South Bend last night as part of their Intensified College Enforcement, or ICE, initiative, which aims to reduce underage drinking at Indiana colleges and universities.

Four people were arrested for illegal consumption or possession of alcohol. Two minors were also charged with being in a tavern or liquor store and one with possession of false ID. Two adults were charged with aiding or inducing a minor to possess an alcoholic beverage.

Officers arrested three people on drug-related charges. Three people were jailed on outstanding arrest warrants.

Thirty-seven people were charged with a variety of traffic offenses and four were issued written warnings for traffic violations.

Belmont Liquors, 1621 South Bend Avenue, was preliminarily charged with allowing a minor to loiter and sale of alcohol to a minor.

Officers also gave a ride to a visit student from Virginia back to the Notre Dame campus after he was found lost three miles from campus. He was dressed in a "Happy City Police Department" uniform.

In Muncie, excise officers arrested five people for illegal consumption of alcohol and wrote two warning tickets while patrolling around Ball State University.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal and administrative-law defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.